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Mr. Frederick Hansen
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation for the Stanley Tools-Eagle Square Plant in Shaftsbury, Vermont (Site #770073)

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Sites Management Section (SMS) has been notified by the US Environmental Protection Agency that the Stanley Tools-Eagle Square Plant in Shaftsbury, Vermont has been given a "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP) designation from the EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database, and that no further action is required under the federal program. The property has also been on the Vermont Hazardous Sites List. The SMS has evaluated this property and has determined the site to be eligible for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This determination was based on the following information:

- The property operated as a manufacturer of various tools since 1817. Manufacturing process wastes from the late 1950s on were disposed of in various onsite unlined lagoons and sludge beds. These disposal areas were closed in the late 1970s and early 1980s.
- In 1986 the site was listed on the federal Environmental Protection Agency's CERCLIS due to potential impacts to the subsurface from the lagoons and sludge beds, as well as to the adjacent Paran Creek. A Preliminary Assessment (PA) and Site Investigation (SI) were subsequently completed in 1987 and 1990, respectively. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals were detected in groundwater and soils, and SVOCs were detected in sediments of Paran Creek.
- Contaminants have been monitored since the completion of the SI, and no longer are present at the site at levels which exceed Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards (VTGWES). Once contaminants met VTGWES, as indicated in analytical results from October, 1995, it was determined that the site had met the requirements of the DEC, and would be eligible for a SMAC determination once the EPA's requirements had been met.

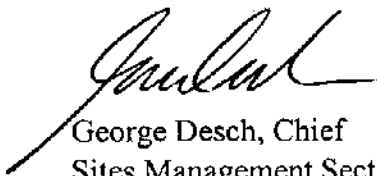
- The site was designated with a NFRAP determination in January, 2001 from the EPA, meaning no further steps will be taken to list this property on the federal National Priority List (NPL).
- A letter dated March 20, 2001 from Lynda Provencher of the SMS stating that there are closed lagoons on the property whose caps must be maintained was noticed to the land record in Book 108, Page 89 of the Shaftsbury, Vermont Land Records.
- Little to no risk is posed to any sensitive receptors in the area from any residual contamination which may remain in the subsurface at the site from the initial contamination.

Based on the results of the investigation, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Waste Management Division have determined require no further management are given a SMAC designation. The designation does not release the Stanley Tools from any past or future liability which may arise from the contamination which originated at the Stanley Tools - Eagle Square Plant facility in Shaftsbury, Vermont. The SMAC designation does mean that the SMS isn't requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the initial contamination.

If the monitoring wells at the site are no longer used or maintained, then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the wells with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule - Chapter 21. Also, the road box or stand up well guard for a monitoring well must be removed before well closure is considered complete.

Please feel free to call either me or Chuck Schwer if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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Sites Management Section

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